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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 July and to express my gratification for the spirit of understanding with which you have met the entire situation. Permit me to say too that while the notice of cancellation must, indeed, have seemed to you brusque, it was not in any way so intended. My only thought at the time was to reach you as soon as possible so as to spare you and your family the trip to Washington which I knew you were about to undertake. I was unable to add any details such as would have put to rest the questions inevitably stimulated by the bare cancellation, for they were not known to me.

You have my positive assurance that cancellation of the program was done without prejudice to you personally or to your possible future employment by any government agency.

I note that you consider your preparation for the program resulted in no tangible materials other than the outline and bibliography which, as you point out, you have already delivered to us. However, it is desirable that an additional body of materials be assembled and I would ask you to proceed to gather same as you have offered to do. I would hope that without too great inconvenience the additional materials might include your lecture notes.

I will await further details from you regarding just what you will be able to assemble before getting authority for a specific offer to you. I am sure the amount will be satisfactory.

I have mailed back to you the package you sent us last 30 June. If you do not receive it promptly, please advise me so that I may have it traced.

In closing I wish to acknowledge again your courtesy and understanding and thank you for your continuing interest in our Agency and its work.

Sincerely,

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